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A. Agreement not really vital for Japanese trade; chief significance is political.

V. Prime Minister Kishi publicly accused trade representatives of exceeding their authority in agreeing to terms which only the govt can grant, [REDACTED]

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A. Kishi informed Ambassador MacArthur he would not resist pressures for trade with mainland since this is an election year.

VI. Japanese foreign ministry official believes Peiping will not give up the right to fly its flag.

A. He feels Communists consider flag issue an excellent opportunity to irritate Japanese-Nationalist relations which is even more important than trade.